MINUTES

OF THE

MUSKINGUM

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE PLEASANT HILL CHURCH,

LICKING COUNTY, OHIO,

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PREACHING ON THE STAND.

Wednesday, P. M.—Elder S. C. Stover, from Rom. I, 16. Elder D. Scofield, from 1st Peter, V. 10.

Thursday.—Elder S. Williams, from Isaiah XL, 1:2. Elder E. Barker, Titus II, 11:13. Elder Prichard, Isaiah XLII, 16.

Friday.—Elder P. Ogan, from Eph. IV. 5. Elder D. G. Barker, from Rom. XII, 1:2. Elder S. Meredith, from John VI, 44.

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Wednesday August 23d, 10 o'clock A. M. The introductory sermon was preached according to appointment last year, by ELDER JOHN J. VANHORN, from John xii: 25.

The letters from the several Churches were called for by the former Moderator and read, the Messengers' names enrolled and statistics noted as follows:

Churches & Messengers	Ministers and Times of holding Meetings.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Contributions
FALLS OF LICKING, *Muskingum Co.*—Wm. Butler, John D. Shaw, Wm. H. Prior.	Wm. Butler, 2d Lord's day, John Crabtree, 4th Lord's day	2				2	5	52	$6.85
HOPEWELL, *Perry Co.*—Alexander Melick	Ephraim Barker, 1st Lord's day	1			1	1		26	4.25
FRIENDSHIP, *Licking Co.* Samuel Meredith	——— 3d Lord's day	8			1			59	3.55
UNION, *Perry Co.*—Letter, but no Messenger.	S. C. Stover, 4th Lord's day,						1	16	
LANCASTER, *Fairfield Co.*—Letter, but no Messenger,	——— 2d Lord's day						2	20	
LEXINGTON, *Perry Co.*—Thos. Harper, Smith Wortman	John J. Vanhorn, 4th Lord's day	1	1				1	31	3.00
TIMBER RUN, *Muskingum Co.*—John Burley, John Bolin, Robert Bolin,	John J. Vanhorn, 3d Lord's day	2	1					30	3.30
BETHEL, *Noble Co.*—John Jourdan, Adam Jourdan,	Ephriam Barker, 4th Lord's day	3						30	4.50
BEULAH, *Muskin. Co.*—Samuel Francis, J. J. Bolin, J. Rector	John Pritchard, 1st Lord's day	9	4		2	1	2	35	3.00
UNIONTOWN, *Musk. Co.* L. Richards, G. W. Moore	John J. Vanhorn, 2d Lord's day	1			1			20	2.25
YORK, *Morgan Co.*—Wm. Newlan, Lazelier Burley	Louis Kagy, 2d Lord's day, John Croy, 4th Lord's day	1					1	14	2.00
ZOAR, *Muskingum Co.*—David Woodruff, Troy Welles	S. C. Stover, 2d Lord's day	4			1			21	1.85
MT. OLIVE, *Morgan Co.*—John Croy	Louis Kagy, 1st Lord's day				1			18	2.45

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SCOTT'S CREEK, *Hocking County.*—Zacheus Nixon, David G. Barker...	John Parker,2d Lord's day.....		1	1	4	1		60	$2.10
GOSHEN, *Muskingum Co.*—E. B. Garret, Thos. Humphrey.....	John Pritchard, 2d Lord's day.....	2					1	33	2.00
HARMONY, *Perry Co.*...	Not heard from, as formerly.....							10	25
ENON, *Guernsey Co.*—Isaac Beal.....	John J. Vanhorn, 1st Lord's day.....	1						19	65
PLEASANT HILL, *Licking Co.*-James Holmes, Matthew Porter, John W. Painter.....	Wm. Butler, 1st Lord's day.....	3				2		38	3.75
JONATHAN'S CREEK, *Licking Co*—Ephriam Barker, Chas. Brandon, Daniel Norman.....	John Parker and Daniel Scofield, alternately, 4th Lord's day.....	1	3					40	2.65
EBENEZER, *Jackson Co.*	Dissolved.....								
MONDAY CREEK, *Perry County* -John Skinner, Andrew Skinner.....	David G. Barker, 1st Lord's day.....			1	3			22	3.00
LOST RUN, *Licking Co.* -John Pritchard, Louis A. Stephens, Abijah Pitney,.....	John Pritchard, 4th Lord's day.....	4		1				21	4.50
FALLSBURG, *Licking Co.* Dawson Mc Queen Chas. Baughman, Thos. Gorley.....	John Crabtree, 3d Lord's day.....							17	3 00
Totals.....		43	10	3	14	7	13	632	58.85

NOTE.—The Saturday preceding the first Lord's day mentioned in the above table, is the day of business in the respective Churches.

Adjourned until 1½ o'clock.

1½ o'clock met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder S. Williams.

1st After calling the Messengers' names, as enrolled above, the Association organized for the present session by electing Elder David G. Barker, Moderator, and Wm. Butler, Clerk.

2d. The Constitution and Articles of Faith were read.

3d. Brethren John Bolin, George W. Moore and Elder Ephraim Barker were appointed a Committee of Arrangement. The Messengers of Pleasant Hill Church were appointed to arrange the preaching on the stand. Brethren Thomas Humphrey, Alexander Melick and John D. Shaw, were appointed to receive and distribute the funds.

4th. The 5th section of the Constitution was amended so as to read: Four committees. The 4th To arrange visitation meetings. Elders Samuel Meredith, John Croy and Brother John Burley were appointed said Committee.

5th. Churches desiring to unite with this Association were called for.

6th. Correspondence from Sister Associations called for and presented as follows:

Miami—By Elder S Williams and minutes.

Scioto—By Elder S. C. Stover.

Sandusky—Not heard from.

Pocotalico—Not heard from.

7th. The Circular Letter, written by Elder John Prichard, and the Corresponding Letter, written by Brother Louis A. Stephens, were called for, read and referred to the Committee of Arrangement.

8th. Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations appointed:

Miami—John Bolin and Wm. Butler.

Scioto—David G. Barker.

Sandusky—Ephraim Barker.

Pocotalico—David G. Barker.

9th. Elder Ephraim Barker to write the Circular and John Bolin the Corresponding Letter for next year.

10th. The Committee on Preaching report Elders S. Williams, E. Barker, J. Prichard and S. C. Stover to preach to-morrow. Report received.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder Prichard.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 10 O'CLOCK.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Harper.

1st. The Messengers' names were called.

2d. The Committee of Arrangement reported the minutes of last year as the order of business. The report was received.

3d. The Circular and Corresponding Letters were adopted.

4th. The Committee on Visitation Meetings reported as follows:

Falls of Licking—Fifth Lord's day in October at Shannon. Elders D. Schofield and E. Barker.

Union—Fourth Lord's day in September. Elders Williams and Stover.

Lexington—Fifth Lord's day in June. Elder D. G. Barker.

Timber Run—Third Lord's day in May. Elders Stover and D. G. Barker.

Beulah—First Lord's day in June. Elders D. G. Barker and Stover.

Bethel—Fifth Lord's day in October. Elder J J. Vanhorn.

Uniontown—Fifth Lord's day in December. Elder D. G. Barker.

York—Third Lord's day in May. Elder Prichard.

Zoar—Fifth Lord's day in March. Elder Prichard.

Mt. Olive—First Lord's day in October. Elders Meredith and Kagy.

Goshen—Second Lord's day in October. Elder D. G. Barker.

Pleasant Hill—Fifth Lord's day in December. Elders E. Barker and Prichard.

Monday Creek—Second Lord's day in November. Elder J. Croy.

Enon—First Lord's day in October. Butler.

Fallsburg—Fifth Lord's day in March. Elder Meredith and Bolin.

The above meetings to commence on Saturday preceding the Lord's day mentioned, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The report was received.

5th. The next Association to be held with the Hopewell Church in Perry county to commence on Wednesday, before the fourth Lord's day in August, 1872, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Elder John Prichard to preach the introductory sermon; in case of failure, Elder D. G. Barker.

6th. The agent of Watts & Rippon's Hymn Book is discontinued.

7th. Elder Thomas Harper was appointed to visit the Harmony Church. inquire into her condition and report next year.

8th. The Committee on Funds report $58.85, appropriated as follows: Minutes, $21 25; Clerk, $5·00; Correspondence, Elder D. G. Barker, $9 60; Elder E. Barker, $9 00; J. Bolin, $7.00; W. Butler, $7 00.

9th. The Committee on Preaching report Elders T. Harper, P. Ogan, D. G. Barker and S. Meredith to preach to-morrow. The report was received.

Adjourned to the time and place above mentioned. Benediction by Moderator. DAVID G. BARKER, Moderator.

W. BUTLER, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Muskingum Baptist Association in Session with the Pleasant Hill Church in Licking County, O., August 23, 24, *and* 25, *A. D.*, 1871—*to our Sister Associations and to all with whom we Correspond. Sendeth Christian Love and Salutation.*

BELOVED BRETHREN of the household of faith, we desire to render praise and thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church, for the inestimable privilege we have enjoyed of meeting together again in an associational capacity, to worship God and to interchange fraternal greetings with, and here from many of the Great Brotherhood in Christ Jesus our Savior, which are scattered abroad in the land.

Our meeting has been harmonious; the preaching all of a piece, according to the word and testimony of our God. It has been truly a season of refreshing and joy to our souls. We have been comforted by your Minutes, and Ministering Brethren who have come and associated with us. We ask a continuance of your correspondence.

May grace, truth and love abound among all the saints. Amen.

Our Minutes will show where our next Associational Meeting will be held.

Circular Letter.

The Muskingum Baptist Association to the Several Churches Composing Her Body, Send Greeting.

Dear Brethren:—Another year is numbered with the past. And the Blessed Lord has once more granted us the high and holy privilege of meeting in an Associate capacity where we feel a desire to address you with this our annual epistle of love.

The great and glorious plan of Salvation is full of interest to the children of God.

The salvation of all God's dear tempest-tossed and tried people from under the reigning power and dominion of Sin and Death was arranged in the infinite wisdom of God before the day dawned, or Adam's dust was fashioned into man and was executed by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in time, and in time is made manifest to his people by the Holy Spirit. In this great and glorious plan, Christ was set up from everlasting or ever the earth was. God in Christ chose his people before the foundation of the world that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love. O! What a mercy is this that God so loved his people, that he gave his only begotten and well-beloved son to die for them, that they might live; to suffer for them that they might rejoice. And O, the amazing love of Jesus that he would cause our sins to be charged to his account, or laid upon him, and that he was willing to be bruised for our iniquities, to bear our griefs and carry our sorrows, and to be clothed in mortal garments, that we should be robed in his righteousness, and to wear a crown of thorns, that we should wear a crown of unfading glory. He also broke asunder the bands of sin that bound us to the car of Satan, and quickened us into life by his Holy Spirit, and gave us to see, feel and know our lost and helpless condition which caused us to cry to him for mercy, and pray to him for pardon until Jesus was revealed to us the way, the truth and the life. He gave us faith to believe in him, repentance to the acknowledgement of our sins, shed abroad his love in our hearts and gave us a precious hope, sweeter than life and stronger than death, of an inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time, when the Lord shall descend with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God to call the sleeping dead from their graves; then shall we all be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with

him; and with him is fullness of joy and pleasures for ever more. There will we sing the glorious immortal song with immortal tongues: Not unto us, but to Thy Name be all the praise, for Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us by Thy blood out of every nation, kindred, tongue and people, and made us unto our God, Kings and Priests. There with the Heavenly blood-bought and blood-washed throng to spend an eternity of praise.

Then, dear brethren and sisters, this being the case, how careful ought we to live, laying aside all malice and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, striving together for the fellowship of the Gospel, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace.

Dear brethren, we live in a dark day, a day of error and delusion, of strife and division, let us pray for the peace and prosperity of Zion.

"My soul would pray for Zion still,
While life or breath remains,
There my best friends, my kindred dwell,
There God my Savior, reigns."